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Mary E. Ashton P.O. Box 3427 Longview, Texas 75606

Re: Mine Status, Stewart Ashton, Yerian Mine, S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mrs. Ashton:

Thank you for your letter received January 23, 1997. Sorry that I did not acknowledge receipt of the maps you sent. I have received them, and appreciate your efforts to get them to me. I am not familiar with a Certificate of Termination which you say has to be filed with the County Recorder. Due to my delay in responding to your letter you may have already resolved this. The Uintah County auditor can be reached at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah 84074, phone (801) 781-0770.

With regard to the status of the Yerian Mine site, I last spoke with Mr. Nestor Pukalo over the phone on November 13, 1996. At that time, Mr. Pukalo informed me they had no plans to move the equipment off the site in the immediate future, but are hoping to move it in the coming spring of 1997. He told me he would contact me if they were going to do any work this winter. In a previous telephone conversation with Mr. Pukalo on October 15, 1996, I described the reclamation work which would need to be performed at the site. He said they would do the reclamation earthwork when they began removing equipment from the site.

I will keep you updated on any activity at the site and copy you on any correspondence sent from our office. Thank you for your assistance and also for the maps!

Sincerely

Anthony A. Gallegos

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